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NEW PROGRAM FOR PRIESTHOOD GROUPS

A uniform time of holding the weekly Priesthood meeting has been inaugurated in the Stake. The new plan convenes these brief business sessions during the last twenty minutes of Sunday School. On August 10, the following letter from the Stake Presidency was sent to all Bishops, Priesthood and Sunday School officers:

"The Stake Presidency, after careful consideration, recommend that the **ward weekly Priesthood meeting be held Sunday morning at 11:40 a. m.** In the interest of efficiency and uniformity all wards to **start Sunday September 4.**

This will of necessity require:

"1st. That the Sunday School program be adjusted so as not to interfere with regular class work.

"2nd. Careful organization and planning by the bishopric and Priesthood officers and supervisors of both the Aaronic and Melchizedek, as quorums should meet separately. These are business sessions and should deal primarily with quorum business, assignments, reports and similar activities. This meeting must not exceed twenty minutes. Careful planning, we hope, will provide for some lesson work as now outlined in the current Priesthood manuels.

"(For the Aaronic Priesthood: 'Course of Study for Deacons No. 1.' For ordained Teachers No. 2, and Manual for Priests No. 3.)

"(For the Melchizedek Priesthood: 'In the Realm of Quorum Activity, Second Series, 1931' and Supplement, 1932.

"3rd. Under this adjusted program Sunday School officers will of necessity need to carefully plan for a varied program in the closing exercises of the Sunday School. All members holding the Priesthood will be in their Priesthood Quorum during these closing exercises.

"Both Sunday School and Priesthood meeting should **close promptly at 12 o'clock.** The Priesthood sessions will dismiss from their separate class rooms.

"The Bishop should plan on being available promptly at the close of the Sunday School at the most convenient place to receive the tithing and offerings from the Saints. Under this plan it is hoped that real efficiency will be developed in seeking out and bringing into activities all members of the Priesthood of the ward. It will give bishops and Priesthood officers a real opportunity to meet with the members of the various quorums at a time most convenient for all to attend. This should result in greatly increased purposeful activity.

"Under the direction of the Stake Presidency the above plan has been under careful experimentation in one of the wards in the stake, where its success has warranted the plan now being adopted in all wards and branches of the San Francisco Stake."

STAKE AND WARDS ON BUDGET PLAN

For a number of years the San Francisco Stake has had the Budget plan with regard to all recreation. After careful consideration for a period of many months, it is now proposed by the Stake Presidency and High Council, that the **Stake, wards and branches go on the Budget basis for all purposes.** This will include ward maintenance and amount needed by various organizations as well as the recreational program for Stake and wards. The Bishoprics and Branch Presidencies in their last meeting, August 28th, enthusiastically endorsed the plan and pledged their support.

Under the Budget plan, each Bishopric will ascertain the needs of their ward for the period of one year, and will allot the amount required together with the ward's portion of Stake expenses, among the families according to ability to pay.

The Budget will in no manner interfere with the auxiliaries dues annually collected from the organization membership, such as the Sunday School dime fund, M. I. A. dues, etc.

The General authorities of the Church have strongly advised the Budget plan as the best way to finance church activities

It is believed that the very minimum necessary to carry out the activities of the Stake and ward has been asked for the coming year. This amount fairly and equitably apportioned among the families, and then fully presented to each family through a personal call by a representative of the Bishopric, will make the burden relatively light on all. It is hoped that every family pay their share so apportioned.

One of the purposes of adopting the plan is to eliminate the inconvenience and annoyance that other plans entail. Also, to make every activity of the Stake and wards available to every member without any additional expense, other than that involved in paying a fair share of the budget. Through this cooperative method it is proposed to take the best possible care of every member of the Stake.

It is the feeling of the Stake Presidency, High Council, Bishoprics and Branch Presidencies that this plan is calculated to redound to the greatest blessing of the people, to whose consideration it is now commended.

It is planned to have every family visited and the whole matter completed by September 25th. Each family may pay its share at once, or in twelve monthly installments, as they may choose, as the full amount will not be needed at one time.

The California Stakes, we have been informed, are regarded among the most progressive stakes of the Church, and it is believed that this movement is in keeping with this reputation.

SAN FRANCISCO STAKE PRESIDENCY

ANNUAL M. I. A. HIKE

John G. Larson again directs the annual M. I. A. hike scheduled for the holiday weekend, September 3 to 5. Nearly fifteen years ago, Larson initiated these splendid outings that have become a tradition of our Stake and famous throughout the Church. The hike this year is expected to be one of the most enjoyable ever held, and careful planning and complete arrangements assure a delightful outing. Larson announces that headquarters will be at "Lafalot" and dining room at Algars.

JUDGE NOT

" 'Judge not, that ye be not judged,' are said to be the most merciful words in all the world. We are not set to be the judges of our brethren, except in special cases. God is their judge. We are not always aware of the feelings that prompt them. We do not always know the temptations which beset them. We cannot always correctly judge of the struggles which they have. We may be temperate in our judgments. Sometimes I find myself failing to distinguish between resentment at the sin and hatred toward the sinner. There is a pronounced distinction. We are not to compromise with truth. It has been given to us in its undiluted purity and beauty."
—Elder Stephen L. Richards, of the Council of the Twelve.

HONOR PIANIST

Among the most promising musicians in the Bay region is Miss Vivian Hulet, pianist, daughter of Mrs. Dena Hulet, of Oakland. Miss Hulet, formerly a student of Professor Edward P. Kimball, Salt Lake Tabernacle organist, graduated recently from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music amid the highest praise from those associated with her.

After her recital she was made a member of the Conservatory faculty, a rare honor, and also is taking students at her home, 3519 Harrison street, Oakland.

MISSIONARY PAPER

Our Stake Missionaries have started a small paper called the "Mizpah" to aid their work. The first issue, July 10, contained a message from President Carr, brief articles on tracting, and missionary work and experiences of some of the local missionaries. It also contains a comparative report of each of the 35 missionarys' labors. Inez Heiselt is editor of this "beacon or watchtower" paper, and contains 8 pages of clever mimeographing. Congratulation.

Mack Osborne of Danville has gone to Los Angeles to attend Junior College.

Glen Elliott and family of Lafayette summer vacationed in Salt Lake.

CHANGES MADE AT STAKE CONFERENCE

Marking five years to the day since the organization of the Stake, the Quarterly conference was held Sunday, July 10th. Elder Stephen L. Richards of the Council of the Twelve Apostles was present, representing the General authorities, and made important and interesting addresses to the large congregation of Saints that attended all sessions.

Six members of the High Council were released and three Bishoprics were approved for reorganization. These changes were made for the sole purpose of giving new men the experiences that come with service in these Church positions. These men were released with the love, confidence and thanks of the Stake authorities, and with the approval of the High Council and General authorities.

Bishop Carl Kjar, Howard McDonald, John Soelberg, Alma D. Ericksen, Don J. Allphin and Ray T. Lindsay were sustained as the new members of the High Council. They succeeded the following members who have served faithfully and well since the organization of the Stake: Archer Willey, Melvin A. Allred, Wm. F. Everatt, J. George Haddock, John G. Wimmer and Fred Hoeft.

Two new Bishops were named: Stephen H. Winter succeeding Bishop Kjar of Sunset ward, and Serge J. Lauper succeeding Bishop Thos. H. Robinson of Dimond, who had resigned. New counselors were also chosen for Bishop C. W. Nalder of the San Francisco ward, Golden K. Driggs and Dr. Glen P. Vincent. Theodore R. Martin was sustained as Stake Sunday School superintendent, succeeding Driggs.

Elder Richards gave inspiring Gospel sermons at each of the three sessions. Other speakers included the Stake Presidency, Wm. F. Everett, Fred Hoeft, J. G. Haddock, Chas, C. Carr, Melvin Allred and Archer Willey of the High Council, Supt. Theo. R. Martin, Bishop Carl Kjar and Pres. W. E. Barton district missionary President.

One of the special and enjoyable features of conference was the musical numbers arranged by Stake Chorister, W. King Driggs, which included a Junior Girls' chorus from the Oakland Sunday School, baritone solos by Mr. Harrison Ward of Berkeley, and anthems by a combined choir from Oakland, Dimond and Berkeley. Stake Organist Nelle Macdonald presided at the organ.

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SALT LAKE VISITORS

Presiding Bishop Sylvester Q. Cannon, Mrs. Cannon, and their daughter, Miss Eleanor Cannon, and Earl J. Glade, manager of KSL, were visitors from Salt Lake this week. Bishop Cannon attended the Los Angeles Stake conference, and then the party came to San Francisco on radio business.

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SAINTS AS CITIZENS

The Church of Jesus Christ provides guidance to its members in temporal as well as spiritual matters. While the message of the Church is primarily spiritual, it does not lose sight of the fact that we are living in a temporal world and are necessarily concerned with its problems.

The happiness of mankind depends in large measure upon the nature of the government under which they live. This being true, it is only natural that we should do all in our power to make our government conform to the standards of the Gospel which make for the happiness and well-being of humanity. Yet such activities insofar as they are connected with political parties must be carried forward entirely apart from our church responsibilities.

In a Democracy, such as ours, the final power in government rests with the people who vote. While there may always be differences of opinion among sincere and honest people, and not unanimity in matters of party membership, yet Latter-day Saints should always be united and aggressive in advocating and defending policies and persons who most nearly stand for the right, the just, and the true. Our government is usually a reflection of the will of the people, and to maintain a righteous government a majority of the people must be active in behalf of the just and true. To the extent that righteous people are inactive as citizens, the forces of evil will gain strength. As long as corruption and evil exist, just so long must Latter-day Saints be active politically.

We love and cherish our Country. We believe that the nations which occupy this choice land must be righteous and just. We have been informed through modern revelation that three mighty peoples have been destroyed from this land because their individual lives and government failed to conform to revealed truth.

We believe that the constitution of the United States was an inspired document, that the men who framed it were raised up for that special purpose, and that the liberties guaranteed under it have blessed our lives and have made possible the establishment of the Church of God in the earth. Our prophets have foretold the time when the forces of evil and corruption will be so strong in this nation that the Latter-day Saints will rise to the defense of our glorious constitution and set up a standard to which the honest and true may rally.

While all this is apparent, yet the church does not engage in politics. **Its assemblies are for the purpose of worshiping God and studying His truths revealed, and not to be used as forums for any political party or candidate.** Members of the church, as individuals, and as citizens are encouraged to be active in all legitimate political party undertakings. In this activity they do not speak for the church, or its members, since each person will act for himself in these matters. The authority that is rightly exercised in the church through the Holy Priesthood is automatically ended if any attempt is made to use it "in any degree of unrighteousness" or "unjust dominion."

Let us be true saints and loyal citizens. Rightly understood, neither will in any sense interfere with the proper place or rights of the other. While political activity is encouraged, let us be tolerant of the opinions and rights of others, and ever seek to estabilsh righteousness and truth by kindness, persuasion, diligence and humility. These are the principles advocated and practiced by the Master, and they shall ultimately triumph.

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A splendid organ recital was given by Prof. M. G. Hoffman of Oakland, just prior to the afternoon session. Prof. Hoffman an artist of long experience delighted the conference listeners.

In lieu of the Saturday evening session, a stake social was held, commemorating the fifth anniversary of the Stake organization. A program was presented, with A. D. Ericksen as chairman, which was followed by refreshments and dancing.

MARTINEZ

Forty-one members of the ward celebrated "Pioneer Day" with a watermelon festival at a local park.

Mrs. W. Von Dorp of Los Angeles has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. Walter Brey.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Abbott have moved "to a new home recently erected in the Mountain View district," Martinez.

Others enjoying summer outings include Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dahlin at Yosemite, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Easton and Miss Grace Easton at Santa Cruz and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bunce at Russian River.

HIGH COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Sunday evening, September 18, the Stake High Council will be speakers at the following wards:

BERKELEY—Howard McDonald and Ray T. Lindsay.
BURLINGAME—Carl Kjar and John Soelberg.
ELMHURST—I. B. Ball and A. D. Ericksen.
MARTINEZ—Frank J. Parsons and John G. Shields.
SAN FRANCISCO—Chas. C. Carr and Don J. Allphin.
SUNSET—Wm. T. Hicken and George W. Bagley.

Stake missionaries have been assigned as speakers in the following wards:

ALAMEDA — Frank Nelson and Wallace Wimmer.
BALBOA—S. S. Smith, Clyde Summerhays and W. D. Montague.
DIMOND—James Sharp and E. J. Partington.
HAYWARD—Robt. T. Paine, LeRoy Cheney and Vera Mote.
MISSION—E. F. Humphreys, Mildred Morgan and Mavis Humphreys.
OAKLAND—Samuel P. Martin and A. S. Millward.
RICHMOND—A. E. Fitzpatrick and George Kilner.

Priesthood Quorums

The Melchizedek Priesthood under the new plan, separates into quorum or class period activity immediately at the close of the Sunday school class period.

Owing to the limited time it is necessary that the Sunday School carry out their program with dispatch to enable them to get the full class period program as outlined by the General Board.

Priesthood members meet in three groups and under the direction of their group leaders carry out their activity program.

Follow out the plan outlined by the General Authorities of the Church in organizing "Activity Committees" within each quorum or group. These committees consist of four of the most active members of the respective groups. Each committee man having a definite phase of work to perform. The work is divided into four divisions of activity namely: "Church Service," "Class Instruction," "Personal Welfare" and "Miscellaneous Activities."

The main function of the "Church Service" committee is to see that the ward teaching is properly and successfully done.

The "Class Instruction" committee is charged with the responsibility of teaching or assigning some reliable person to instruct quorum members the proper methods in Church ordinances, and assist officers with constructive suggestions for better and more effective teaching.

The "Personal Welfare" committee is charged with seeing that all members are in attendance at the Gospel Doctrine Class Sunday morning. This committee should try to establish a closer fraternalism among quorum members and their families.

"The Miscellaneous Activity" committee is charged with the responsibility of assisting with recreational activities in the ward, looking after church buildings and grounds and assisting in organizing ways and means to collect ward funds or any other work of a miscellaneous nature.

There is also a group leader and secretary in each class. This creates an activity for six members in each group or a total of eighteen men actively engaged in Priesthood work. In some wards where the membership is larger and the material is available four or more men can be called to act in each committee thus bringing into activity a great many Priesthood members.

At each weekly meeting one of the committees as named above conducts the meeting making assignments and reporting their activity during the past month. So that quorum group leaders and committeemen may properly understand the program it may be necessary for the Bishopric to outline a suggestive program for the first month's activity.

We feel if the proper cooperation is given the Bishopric by the Priesthood members and the Sunday School Superintendencies this new plan will increase activity both in Priesthood work, Sunday School and Sacrament meetings.

AARONIC PRIESTHOOD

How the new Priesthood plan has worked in conjunction with the Sunday School is here told by Nathan G. Tolman who has had charge of the Aaronic priesthood in the Elmhurst ward:

"Although from 11:40 to 12:00 on Sunday morning does not give us as much time as we would like, yet we feel under existing conditions it is the best time to meet in priesthood capacity. We are in full accord with the Stake Presidency in the new plan adopted.

"We have three supervisors that meet once a month during the Sunday School class period, to discuss ways and means of improving the Aaronic priesthood service. They also meet monthly with the Ward Correlation Committee in charge of boys 12 to 20. This committee includes (1) Bishopric, (2) Member of Sunday School Superintendency; (3) Sunday School Teachers of classes attended by Aaronic priesthood boys; (4) One of M. I. A. Superintendency; (5) Scoutmaster; (6) Vanguard leader; (7) "M" Men Leader, and (8) Ward Clerk. After a short general meeting where problems of general concern are discussed, we separate into three groups:

1. Those who work with boys of Deacons age.
2. Those with those of Teachers' age.
3. And those with the Priests.

Here one of the Bishopric or Aaronic Priesthood supervisor concerned takes charge and particular problems are discussed and assignments made to visit delinquent members. Through the cooperation of the Sunday School we have a list of all inactive members.

CONDUCT OF MEETINGS: As the time is short on Sunda y morning, only twenty minutes, the work is carefully planned. The President of the Quorum takes charge.

1. Prayer. (Give all members an opportunity in turn.)
2. Roll Call. (Aloud by Secretary.)
3. Minutes of previous meeting.
4. Assignments to visit members not present. Other assignments are made for the entire month on the last Sunday of tne preceeding month. We give all boys work to do and see that they do it.
5. Short lesson—using the manuel. If there are any ordinations or special business there is not time for the lesson.
6. Closing prayer. We dismiss at 12:00 noon.

RECORDS: This is very important. We try to keep a careful record of all assignments made, fulfilled, and attendance at sacrament meetings.

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Stake Mission

During the past month, the missionaries performed the following work:

Distributed 1736 tracts and pamphlets.
Visited 1719 homes.
Held 564 gospel conversations.
Tracted 193 hours.
Held 6 cottage meetings.
Held 11 missionary classes.
Sold and loaned seven Books of Mormon.

The work has been retarded somewhat by sickness and summer vacations. Elder Elgin Clausen, District President of the Sunset District has been ill. At this time Elders James Calder is in the hospital, seriously ill. Elder George W. Bagley has taken his family to Oregon for the summer, leaving the Oakland District short a missionary.

It is indeed gratifying to have the work opened up in the Berkeley District, with Elder A. Seldon Millward as District President.

The missionaries are meeting with a great deal of success and receive many fine receptions from the people.

Marriages

Dorothy Henderson of Alameda and Paul R. Carruth of Oakland were married August 28 by President Macdonald.

Eugenia B. Perry and Franklin C. Andrews of Sunset ward, married July 12 by Bishop Kjar.

Dorothy Eunice Snider and Horace William Jorgensen of Mission ward were married June 10 by Bishop Merrill.

Mildred Irma Danz and Joseph Mathias Peterson of Mission ward were married June 17 by Bishop Merrill.

Marcelle Glaubert and Francis Ashby of Balboa, married June 24 by Bishop Pearson.

Births

A SON born to Mr. and Mrs. Mario Muzzico (nee Barnes) of Martinez, June 17.

DAUGHTER born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brey of Martinez, July 24th.

SON born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bernard of Alameda, June 25.

SON born to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar L. Williams of Balboa, June 7.

SON born to Mr. and Mrs. Mathew T. Mildon of Sunset ward, May 30th.

Deaths

ROBERT A. COWAN. Elder of Sunset ward, died July 2, of pneumonia. Funeral services held by Bishop Carl Kjar, July 5. Interment at Cypress Lawn.

JOSEPH E. TIMPSON of Mission, died June 14. Brother of Mrs. Alex. D., Edgar, and Mrs. William W. Collins.

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HIGH PRIESTS

Ward "group leaders" will find in the Supplement to "In the Realm of Priesthood Activity" much valuable material to carry forward the group meetings, now scheduled for the final twenty minutes of Sunday School. It deals primarily with prayers, ordination procedure and functions of the priesthood which should be performed with dignity and impressiveness. If priesthood means "God functioning through man" then it should be performed with a dignity that will glorify God, and not make him commonplace. The Supplement, 10 cents a copy, should be ordered direct from President Rudger Clawson, Church Office Bldg., Salt Lake City.

GENEALOGY

Prof. Leonard Wilson of London, England, genealogy authority of the University of California, addressed a combined meeting of Stake workers, Sunday afternoon, August 28. Prof. Wilson gave a very interesting talk on the meaning of the symbols of the official U. S. Government seal. The meaning of symbols of heraldry is one of absorbing interest according to the speaker. To properly gather genealogy it is important to fully understand the symbols and their meaning as was built into the heraldry of the old world. Prof. Wilson was given marked attention by his appreciative audience.

According to a recent announcement in the Deseret News, Church authorities have recommended that the fifth Sunday of a month be reserved as "Genealogical Sunday," and a special program arranged to more fully acquaint the membership with the work and aims of genealogy. Ward committees are urged to give attention to this and arrange suitable programs, as the Stake Presidency have approved the idea for this Stake. The next "fifth Sunday" will be October 30th.

PRIMARY

"Home Coming" for East Bay wards held Saturday, August 27, was a most successful Primary affair. Displays were made by all the wards and are to be commended for their fine efforts. Alameda won for the display of handiwork of the children, while Berkeley took the prize for the children's chorus and the rhythm band under the direction of President Carrie Moses. Judges for the contest work were Axel Severine, Mary H. Cherrington and Nelle Macdonald.

The Home Coming for the west bay wards will be held Saturday, Sept. 10.

Supt. Minnie Alice Hicken, Mildred Evans, Elsie Cherrington and Wm. T. Hicken of the High Council attended the General Primary conference held in Salt Lake in June.

The efficiency cup for last quarter was won by Berkeley.

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AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

RELIEF SOCIETY

The Stake Board has continued their business meetings during the summer and plans have been perfected for the fall work.

Our Relief Society Stake conference has been set for Ochtober 30th.

The teachers have held their regular monthly meeting during the past three months, imparting spiritual encouragement and temporal aid to the needy.

A petition for the organization of a Relief Society at Livermore has been received and is under consideration. Those pledging support include Ellen McPherron, Pearl Noakes, Ardella Burgener, Mavis Baer, Nina M. Faragher, Roda Atkinson, Hilda Ortiz, Zina Muller and Mary Ciglinti.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our annual convention was held on May 22, 1932 in the chapel at Oakland. Three members of the General Board from Salt Lake were present: Elders George M. Cannon and Frank K. Seegmiller and Miss Inez Whitbeck.

Inspirational messages were delivered by our visitors from headquarters. Elder Cannon emphasized the necessity of accounting for everyone in our Sunday School, who belongs to the church. He stated that the duty of the Sunday School was to teach the plan of salvation to the members of the church and every one in the church should be encouraged to be present to learn more of the Gospel plan.

Brother Seegmiller discussed in an interesting manner, ways and means to be employed to keep our members interested in Sunday School after they were persuaded to come. His talk was largely along the line of improved methods of presenting gospel subjects in the most interesting and practical way. Sister Whitbeck, in the afternoon meeting gave an example of teaching. She first took up preparation for presentation and then the actual demonstration. For their many fine suggestions and help we are deeply grateful to our visitors.

The efficiency banner seems to be a contest between Mission and Walnut Creek. With a sudden and startling spurt, Mission took the banner for May, grabbed it again by a close margin in June, but Walnut Creek ever at their heels, walked away in triumph in July. At the last Union meeting, August 28, Mission again scored, recapturing the banner; Walnut Creek was a close second and San Francisco third.

We welcome Bromwell Z. Cox to the Stake Board. He will have charge of the Missionary class. The remarkable success of this class in Dimond was due largely to the enthusiasm and untiring efforts of Brother Cox. We are delighted to have him on the Stake Sunday School Board.

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M. I. A.

The spirit of enthusiasm and eagerness to begin the new season's work became contagious during the unusually successful Convention of M. I. A. held Saturday and Sunday, August 6 and 7. Very splendid suggestions and instructions were given by the visiting members of the General Board from Salt Lake City, who included Executive Secretary Oscar Kirkham, Field Secretary W. O. Robinson, Sister Clarissa Beasley of the Young Ladies Presidency and Sister Rachael Grant Taylor of the Y. L. Board.. Each of these officials spent a very busy week end in their efforts to get us off to a successful start.

Undoubtedly the coming Mutual season will far surpass the past in enthusiastic class and activity work. The Stake officers have many delightful surprises in store for the season.

We welcome again into the Stake Young Ladies presidency, Mrs. LaRue Tolman as First counselor to President Clarissa Mahoney, who succeeds Mrs. Irma Atkins released. The fine work of Sister Atkin is appreciated by all M. I. A. workers, especially the Stake Board.

The Stake Board also welcomes John C. Stirrat of Oakland and Willard H. Clarke of Dimond. Stirrat becomes first assistant to Supt. Glen Harmon, succeeding H. R. Atkin who has been released after a year's fine service. Elder Stirrat, until recently was first counselor to Bishop Jacobs of Oakland. Elder Clarke, also recently released from a Bishopric, will supervise the M. Men work of the Stake. He comes well qualified for this work after former activities at the B. Y. U.

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NEWS FROM THE WARDS

DIMOND

The Bishopric was reorganized July 24 by the Stake Presidency. Bishop Thos. H. Robinson because of his work, resigned. With his counselors, Bromwell Z. Cox and Willard H. Clarke, he was released with a vote of thanks for their splendid labors. Bishop Robinson had presided since the first organization in Dimond, was the superintendent of the first Sunday School organized Sept. 21, 1924. When a branch was organized in May, 1925, he was named President and Brother Cox was named as his first counselor. These two have been associated together since, Elder Clarke having been made a member of the Bishopric in Sept., 1930, succeeding James H. England.

Serge J. Lauper was sustained as the new Bishop, with Rufus O. Phelps and Dr. Glen R. Dorius as counselors.

Herbert Wieland has been chosen ward clerk, succeeding Clyde A. Russell.

SAN FRANCISCO

The Bishopric was reorganized July 31 by the Stake Presidency. Paul C. Dana and Ernest C. Landward, counselors to Bishop Nalder were released with a vote of thanks for their labors in the ward.

Golden K. Driggs and Dr. Glen P. Vincent were sustained as the new counselors. Elder Driggs for the past year has been Stake Sunday School superintendent, and Dr. Vincent is a former California missionary.

Bishop C. W. Nalder and family spent a pleasant vacation visiting relatives in Los Angeles.

BALBOA

Mrs. S. V. Hobson of Los Angeles, has been visiting with Bishop and Mrs. R. Vance Pearson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. White and children spent the summer in Salt Lake City, visiting with relatives.

Mrs. Fred Wetherell, of Salt Lake City is visiting with Mrs. Meta Roberts.

Arthur Sadler has returned from Utah, where he attended M. I. A. conference, and visited with his family.

Mrs. Henry Hansen, and daughter of Newton, Utah, visited with Mr. and Mrs. George Felsch.

Primary has been reorganized with Nettie Hunter, president, Mabel Crossland, 2nd counselor, Alice Crossland, organist, Doris Berry and Thelma Stanley as aides.

RICHMOND

Mrs. Eliza Peck and daughter Grace of Salt Lake City are visiting with her nephew, Leonard Akins and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dietliker are visiting in Salt Lake City.

Nephi Thulin and family have been visiting relatives in Watsonville and San Jose.

Claire and Leon Edlefsen have vacationed on the Russian River.

Dorothy Bradeson visited during the summer with friends in Mendicino county.

Eurilda Fawcett has returned from Lake County where she spent several weeks following a serious operation.

Margaret and Lilath Tidwell vacationed in Sacramento with friends.

BURLINGAME

Guy Roberts of the Branch presidency was called to Burley, Idaho by death of his mother in June.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stringham attended the June conference in Salt Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ohran have returned from Utah after a short visit. Their son Donald is visiting with his grandmother, Mrs. William King of American Fork.

Mrs. Carl Ohran accompanied her brother Cecil Parkins of Wilmington, California, visited their parents in Utah during the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Merrill and family spent a pleasant vacation with friends and relatives in Utah.

OAKLAND

Robert Sant and family have removed to Concord. He was our genial and efficient ward chorister, and Mrs. Sant was president of the Primary. The ward appreciates the splendid work of these fine folk.

Mary Brown Rex has been chosen ward chorister.

The Relief Society sponsored a banquet to the ward Saturday, Aug. 20.

Bishop Eugene Jacobs and family expect to leave shortly for a motor trip to Salt Lake on a brief vacation.

Glen E. Gee has been chosen as second assistant to Sunday School Supt. Walter Aylett, and Clarence Jacobs succeeds him as scoutmaster of the Boy Scouts.

W. King Driggs and family have moved to Salt Lake. The Driggs girls, Misses Louise, Alice and Maxine, attended June M. I. A. conference, and with their brother Karleton, as accompanist have been singing over radio KSL as the "King sisters." Their success was almost immediate, and the entire family has been drawn back to join them. Prof. Driggs has given valiant services as Stake Chorister as well as ward Sunday school chorister. It is with regret that the ward loses this splendidly capable and cultured family.

SUNSET

Sunday evening, July 31, the Bishopric was reorganized by the Stake Presidency due to the appointment of Bishop Carl Kjar to the Stake High Council. The following were presented and sustained as the new Bishopric:

Stephen H. Winter, Bishop

Chas. W. White and T. Leland Shreeve, counselors.

Osmyn Williams, ward clerk.

Mrs. Carl Kjar and children have returned from an extended visit with relatives in Utah.

Mr. and Mrsfl Chester L. Walker and son vacationed during the summer in Utah.

Bishop and Mrs. Stephen H. Winter and family spent several weeks in Salt Lake during July with relatives.

Mr .and Mrs. John P. Tucker have moved to San Jose.

Pres. Clarissa Mahoney and children have returned after a pleasant summer with relatives in Utah. Pres. Mahoney attended the June M. I. A. conference in Salt Lake City.

Mrs. Clayton Thatcher and Mrs. E. W. Coombs of Salt Lake have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Quealy.

ELMHURST

Mrs. Ed. C. Davies of Salt Lake, a former missionary here, was a recent visitor.

Don Allphin, our genial watchmaker and jeweler, has moved into new and enlarged quarters, near the old stand.

Primary conference was held Sunday evening, August 28. Wm. T. Hicken of the High Council and Mrs. Edith Pyle of the Stake Primary Superintendency were speakers. A splendid program was presented by the primary boys and girls.

With the removal to Ogden of Arthur Grix and family in July, the Bishopric was reorganized July 30 by Pres. J. E. Johnson of the Stake Presidency. Delbert Wright was sustained as first counselor to Bishop McFarlane and Nathan G. Tolman as second counselor.

New officers have been sustained in the M. I. A. and Primary. The new superintendency of the Young Men's is Dr. Milton Ream, Samuel P. Martin and John Peart, with Merlin Stoker, secretary.

The Young Ladies M. I. A. presidency is Gwendolyn Hanks, Ruth Martin and Mabel Smithen Druschell.

The new Primary superintendency: Mrs. Inez McFarlane, Mrs. Jennie Paine and Mrs. Edith Mann, with Mrs. Mary Stoker, secretary.

Mrs. John Schotz has returned from an extended visit with relatives in Salt Lake City.

Among those who visited in Utah and Idaho during the summer: Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson and son Thomas; W. A. Perkins and family; Calvin Cragun and family; Bishop McFarlane and family.

ALAMEDA

Louise Shurtleff recently visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Shurtleff. Miss Shurtleff is a nurse at the Dee Hospital, Ogden.

Mary and Sherrill Shurtleff have returned from two weeks on the Russian River.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland C. Meuter and daughter, Donna visited relatives and friends in Logan, Utah, during the summer.

Mrs. Peter Targhetta and Elena accompanied Mr. Targhetta on an extended business trip through the northwestern states. They will visit in Utah, Idaho, Montana, Washington and Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bernard are rejoicing over the arrival June 25 of a baby boy.

HAYWARD

The E. O. Nelms family vacationed during the summer at Santa Cruz. They are anticipating a trip to Salt Lake in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jordan of the San Jose branch recently gave an evening of music, Elder Jordan being the speaker at Sacrament meeting.

Pres. Sarah Carruth and Ruth Shurtleff of the Stake board were visitors at the Relief Society meeting. The afternoon was enjoyed reading the stories submitted in the Stake short story contest.

Pres. Eugene Hilton of the Stake Presidency was a visitor at our Sunday school recently.

Cottage meetings are being held at Livermore and Pleasanton alternating Wednesday evenings and are well attended. Gospel study is being conducted to the delight and benefit of all.

Lucille and Gay Greenhalls of Provo, Utah have been visiting with their sister, Mrs. V. E. Livingston.

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